

House Resolution No. 654

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take tremendous pleasure in pausing from their diverse legislative duties in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in their local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, William James Baker of Independence was born into the loving family of Charles J. Baker and Naomi L. Fraas Baker of Athol, Missouri, on February 19, 1929; and

Whereas, after a childhood filled with the many educational and rewarding experiences that come from having seven brothers, William Baker established a family of his own through his wonderful marriage to the former Shirley Pennington of Sugar Creek, on August 27, 1955; and

Whereas, William and Shirley Baker have been richly blessed with children, Robin Baker, Michael Baker, Monica Sullivan, Timothy Baker, Cynthia Circo, John Baker, and Sara Zorich, and eighteen grandchildren; and

Whereas, a veteran of the Korean Conflict, William Baker admirably provided for all of the needs and most of the desires of his growing family through his forty-year-long employment with Ready Mix Concrete, a vocational endeavor from which he retired on December 31, 1999; and

Whereas, William Baker has developed and maintained an exceptional reputation for his enthusiastic involvement as a lifelong Democrat and for his outstanding leadership as Chairman of the Jackson County Election Board, twelve-year City Councilman, two-term Mayor Pro Tem, two-term Chairman of the Jackson County Democratic Committee, and active member of both the Evening Optimist Club and the Missouri Sheriffs Association, and was the originator, founder, and longtime President of The United Eastern Democratic Club; and

Whereas, William Baker will celebrate his Seventy-fifth Birthday in the company of family members and friends at a gathering in Sugar Creek, Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive life enjoyed by William Baker and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon attaining his Seventy-fifth Birthday and our sincerest best wishes for many more joyous occasions to come in life; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of William James Baker of Independence, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Ray Salva
District No. 51

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 654, adopted February 18, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker